

CUTTEN SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD MINUTES
January 10th, 2022
6:30 p.m.

- 1.0 CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m.
 - 1.1 Board members in attendance, Mary DeWald, Becky Reece, Beth Johnston, Dennis Reinholdsen and Andy Sundquist.
- 2.0 CONSENT AGENDA**
 - 2.1 Motion by Beth Johnston, second by Andy Sundquist to approve the consent agenda, motion carried 5-0.
- 3.0 VISITOR COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS** – A 4th grade parent wanted to thank the staff and district for following all the safety protocols during the current COVID-19 surge.
- 4.0 REPORTS**
 - 4.1 Cutten Ridgewood PTA Report – Elaine Mu reported that the Reflections Art program got 30 entries, and the winners have been forwarded to state. Nomination forms for the honorary service awards are due on January 25th. Art & awards winners will be announced at Founder's Day. The PTA is discussing the possibility of having the annual Carnival at the end of April, possibly off campus. To put on the Carnival the PTA would need a lot of support from families including a Carnival Chair and Committee.
 - 4.2 HBTA Report – Amy Chastain reported that the kids have been making amazing things out of boxes for box week. The Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten art display was amazing, and they studied the northern lights in science. First graders have been learning about weather. 2nd grade has a long term sub, Coach Bon, who has been really great. 4th graders have been studying a new bird every week. 6th graders have started their scrap booking project, and have been using fantasy basketball to work on their math skills.
 - 4.3 Enrollment & Attendance Update – Becky MacQuarrie reported on the district's independent study enrollment is down to 9 students, some are coming back to in-person learning. The district has seen a lot of absences in the last two weeks, many due to COVID-19. There have been a total of 50 short-term independent study students in the district, evenly divided between the schools. The district is very thankful for the patience of the parents while we work through new county protocols, which were updated almost every day last week. The increased amount of testing and contact tracing is stretching our system, but we are working through it. Due to the amount of absences ADA will be down next month. Kindergarten saw in out of district enrollment surge in the beginning of December and an in district surge in early January. The district has been advertising for enrollment on Lost Coast Communication radio stations, the Lost Coast Outpost and with yard signs.
 - 4.4 Bond Update – Becky MacQuarrie reported that one bid was accepted for the bond projects at Cutten. The district will re-convene with the architects on the project. Phase 3 of the HVAC project is on hold, as we are waiting for PG&E, which will hopefully be ready in February or March. All heaters are up and running, and the air quality is good right now.

5.0 CORRESPONDENCE – California Form 700 Statement of Economic Interests were distributed to the board members and superintendent.

6.0 INFORMATION / POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

6.1 Motion by Becky Reece, second by Beth Johnston, to approve the Cutten and Ridgewood 2020-2021 School Accountability Report Cards with updates to testing information to be updated when available.

6.2 Becky MacQuarrie reported that the COVID-19 Safety Plan (CSP) is as up to date as possible. New protocols were released by the county last Friday and will be updated soon. The district looked at outdoor masking after the last board meeting, and masking is not required while running the mile when 6 feet apart. Masking is still required indoors. Volunteers still need to be fully vaccinated, the district has no capacity to test volunteers who are not vaccinated. Protocols will stay the same this month and will be looked at monthly as new information becomes available. Several parents made comments about the district's mask wearing policy. Beth Johnston made a motion to end outdoor masking, second by Andy Sundquist, motion failed 3-2.

7.0 BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS – Beth Johnston asked if offering testing was mandatory. Becky MacQuarrie responded that offering testing is not required, but the district would not be able to offer modified quarantine if it did not test. To stay open the district needs the capacity to test students.

8.0 PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION – None

9.0 CLOSED SESSION – 7:32 p.m.

10.0 RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION – 8:10 p.m.

11.0 ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky MacQuarrie
Secretary to the Board